U.S. Adds Another Name To Harrisburg Plot Case

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The Justice Department has named an additional coconspirator in the alleged conspiracy to kidnap Henry Kissinger and blow up tunnels under federal buildings here.

John Swinglish, 27, of 816 Taylor Street NE, was named but not charged in an amended bill of particulars filed by the government yesterday in U.S. District Court in Harrisburg, Pa., where eight defendants are to be tried in January.

Swinglish, a Navy veteran and a native of Cleveland, was indicted in April on charges of criminal contempt of court when he refused to testify before a federal grand jury in the same case after being granted immunity.

Active in the local Catholic Peace Fellowship since 1969, Swinglish was one of 28 persons arrested in August in Camden, N.J., during an attempted raid on federal offices there. He opened a Camden- Defense Committee of fice this week at the fellowship headquarters at 715 Monroe St. NE.

A Justice Department spokesman said yesterday that additional coconspirators may be named before the trial, in which the Rev. Philip Berrigan will be a defendant.

The first indictment in the case, handed down Jan. 12, named six defendants and seven uncharged coconspirators. In the second indictment, handed down April 30, two defendants were added and three of the uncharged coconspirators were omitted.

While the second indictment includes a broader range of charges—conspiring to raid draft offices was added—it decreased the penalties considerably. Under the original indictment, the defendants were charged with two specific acts of conspiracy punishable by life imprisonment.

Under the general conspiracy charge of the second indictment, the maximum penalty on conviction would be five years in prison and a $10,000 fine.

Two overt acts allegedly involving Swinglish were cited by the government in the papers naming him an uncharged coconspirator.

The acts are two meetings. One allegedly took place in August 1970 on a mall at Catholic University of America. The other allegedly occurred in October 1970 at 3619 12th Street NE.

Also present at the meetings, according to the government papers, were Anthony Barone, John Millard, the Rev. Joseph Wenderoth, a Baltimore priest who is a defendant in the case, and others unknown to the government.

Swinglish said he thought his inclusion in the indictment was "just another example of trying to tie up the loose ends of an indictment that is full of holes." He said he did not know the significance of the overt acts cited by the government.